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EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTICE

This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late IARU HF World Championship announce- ments. Also, we wanted to provide the readers with a consolidated listing of the IARU HF World Championship participants.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Friday, 1st/July, through Friday, 8th/July there were 203 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP5, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a

"BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

AT1, INDIA. Operators Deepak/VU2CDP, Manoj/VU2CPL, Madhu/VU2MUD, Nand/VU2NKS, Prasad/VU2PTT, Koodur/VU2RCT, Sarla/VU2SWS and Gaurav/VU2WE will activate the callsign AT1HQ, the Amateur Radio Society of India (ARSI) HQ station - located across India on a wide area network for IARU HF World Championship (July 9-10th). Activity will be on CW and SSB. QSL via VU2PTT.

B1/3/4/5/7, CHINA. Dale, BA4TB, reports to look for the following HQ stations (CRSA) to be in the IARU HF World Championship (July 9-10th): B1HQ, B3HQ, B4HQ, B5HQ and B7HQ.

DA0, GERMANY. Members of DARC will be active as DA0HQ during the IARU HF World Championship (July 9-10th). They will have 12 stations on 6 bands using CW and SSB. QSL via the Bureau.

FM, MARTINIQUE. Alex, DD5ZZ, will be active FM/DD5ZZ from Martinique (NA-107) between September 12th and October 3rd. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

HH2, HAITI. Pierre, HB9AMO, will once again be active as HH2/HB9AMO from Port-au-Prince between July 8-26th. Activity will be holiday style (local evenings and weekends) and only on CW using a TS-50 into a wire antenna and tuner. QSL via M0URX or M0URX' OQRS. For more details, updates, pictures of his previous operations, and an online log search, visit:

http://www.hb9amo.net/hh2.php

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-025. Mikhail, RA1ALA, will be active as RA1ALA/0 from Paramushir Island between July 10-19th. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters. QSL via his home callsign direct.

AS-091. Operators Igor/R0XA, RA0ZJ, Sergey/UA0ZL, Sergey/UA0ZFW and UA0ZM will be active as RZ0ZWA/P from Kamchatka Island between July 12-20th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via RZ0ZWA.

AS-141. Operators Dale/BA4TB, Mi/BD4TQ, Ni/BD4TR, Gu/BD4TS, Zheng/BD5FFK, Zhou/BG4TVT, Zhou/BG4TYQ, Tao/BG4TRN, Chen/BG5FCH, BH4TGQ, Xingang/BH4TVU, BI4RYM and Xinrong/BI4SCC will be active as B5C from Yijiangshan Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Multi-2/High-Power entry. The team plans to have 2 stations on the air with amps, Hex-Beams and vertical antennas. QSL via BA4TB. Before and after contest, look for operators to sign B5/homecalls (they will be there between July 26th and August 1st). Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns.

EU-024. Tibor, OM3RM, will be active as IS0/OM8A from Sardinia during

the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ High-Power entry. QSL via OM2VL.

EU-025. Joe, IT9RZU, will be active from Sicily Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or LoTW.

EU-054. Mike, IF9ZWA, will be active from Favignana Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via his home callsign by the Bureau only.

EU-067. Theodoros, SV1EJD, will be active as SV8/SV1EJD from Syros Island between July 23rd and August 11th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using SSB and RTTY. He will also be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st). QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

NA-126. (Correction) Operators Fred/VE1FA, YL Helen/VA1YL, Alphonse/ VO1NO, Wayne/VE1BAB, Lowell/VY2OX, Rich/VA1CHP and Michel/VA2MM will be active as VC1A from Bon Portage (Outer) Island, NS Province South Group, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a DXpedition entry. QSL via VA1YL.

NA-137. Charlie, N1RR, will be active as N1RR/m from Cousins Island or Little John Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/CW-Mode/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

JW, SVALBARD. Paul, G4PVM, will be active as JW/G4PVM from the JW5E club station in Longyearbyen (JQ78tf) on Spitsbergen Island (EU-026) between July 23-24th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands. Look for the log to be uploaded to both ClubLog and LoTW.

KH6/KH7, HAWAII. German operators Walt/DJ0FX and Kuno/DF1SD will be active as KH6FX and KH7SD, respectively, from Hawaiian Islands (OC-019) between October 9-23rd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL KH6FX via DJ0FX direct, and KH7SD via DF1SD direct.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (July 10-16th)....

Jul/10th AN	Jul/13th AN	Jul/15th AN
Jul/11th LN	Jul/14th AN	Jul/16th AN
Jul/12th HN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha

AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....
QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (July 8th)

BD3CB via BA4EG	KP2/AA1BU via AA1BU (d)	S79V via IZ8CLM
DM88YLF via DJ5YL	LA/UA1OIW via UA1OIW	SV2400A via SV2HXV
EN0WFF via UT3WX	LZ1886PGS via LZ1KCP	SV9/RL5D via RL5D
HB0/DH7FK via DH7FK	OH0/DL1SVA/P via DL1SVA	TM88YL via F5JER
HG2016HOD via HA8KCS	OK/DL1ASF/P via DL1ASF	V4/G0FWX via M0URX
J75KG via K5KG	PJ2/K3NK via W3HNK	V51WH via DK2WH
K2D via N1DN	PJ2/W3HNK via W3HNK	YJ0GA via ZL3GA & (L)
K2J via K2JJI	R2016EU via RQ7L	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: A45WH, DS5USH, S79V and TR8CA

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3DA0IJ, 9M4SI (AS-074), A31MM, BD2RJ/2 (AS-151/158), E44YL, ET7L, OH0BT, UK9AA, VK9OL and XR0YS

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: E7DX, ZL1SLO, ZS6C, ZS6EGB, ZS6FDX, ZS6GRL, ZS6MAR, ZS6WAB, ZS6WR ans ZS8C

SV5, DODECANESE. Igor, OH2FUW, will be active as SV5/OH2FUW from Gennadi (WW. Loc. KM35XA), Rhodes Island (EU-001), between July 19th and August 1st. His main activity will be the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single-Op/QRP (FT817ND)/CW-Mode/24-Hrs entry. QSL via OH5AB, direct or by the Bureau.

SV5, DODECANESE. Noel, ON4APU, will be active as SV5/OO4O from Rhodes Island (EU-001, WW. Loc. KM46ck) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July

30-31st) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (Possible 15m)/Mixed-Mode/12-Hrs entry. QSL via ON4APU by the Bureau and LoTW after his activities.

SILENT KEY. It was reported that Daki, 9A2WJ, a member of many groups and clubs around the world, especially known as a skilled CW operator and also known for his Croatian Flora Fauna activities in the 9AFF program, became a Silent Key last week. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of 9A2WJ.

T8, PALAU. Ted, JA7XBG, will be active as T88GA from from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) between July 20-23rd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and some Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign direct or LoTW. For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see:
http://www.palau-radio.com/index.php?page=rr2014

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS. By the time you read this, Robert, W5RF, should be QRT as VP5/W5RF from Turks and Caicos Islands (returns to the U.S. on Saturday, July 9th). He stated that he mainly focused on 40 and 20 meters using mostly CW (and maybe a little RTTY or PSK31). He informed OPDX that he is relatively new to DIGITAL, but it is working fine with his FT857 and a dipole on twenty as wells as a full wave vertical looking out over the saltwater for 40 meters. Remember to QSL via M0OXO or M0OXO's OQRS for Bureau or direct QSLs.

XU7, CAMBODIA (PRESS RELEASE #3) [edited]. MORE ROOM TO JOIN THE XU7MDC -- The XU7MDC international Team is working very hard in these weeks to build, a very professional Dxpedition. They are testing many new items and tools overall to be able to reduce weight on the plane and maximize the results on their location at Sihanoukville Beach, Cambodia. As a matter of fact a little change in their local accommodation gives them now possibly more room for another CW operator and one more SSB operator. So if anybody would like to join them, they suggest to contact them as soon as possible. Please contact the leader Antonio, IZ8CCW , and/or the co-leader, Gabriele, I2VGW . They will be on the air from November 4-14th, 2016. They remind everyone that they plan, as usual, to operate 24/24 hours with 5 stations from the beach with a particular focus on the low bands and Digital modes. Antonio, IZ8CCW, and Gabriele, I2VGW, will be sharing their new adventure with the other 18 members/operators from five countries. More details and information can be found on their Web site at: http://www.mdxc.org/xu7mdc

YL (F & DL) ACTIVITIES.....

DM88YLF - YLs from France and Germany (called Friendship 2016) have been active from Germany with this callsign since July 1st, and until July 31st. Operators mentioned are Tina/DL5YL (CW, co-organizer), Joana/DJ5YL (SSB, co-organizer), Sophie/ DL/F4DHQ (SSB) and Siggi/DK2YL (SSB, Digi-modes). QSL via direct to DJ5YL, by the Bureau via DM88YLF, LoTW or eQSL. See QRZ.com for more details.

TM88YL - Eleven YLs from FRANCE will join in on the above celebration

using the callsign TM88YL for 15 days between July 4-31st. Specific dates are: July 4-6th, July 10-13th, July 17-20th, July 24-26th and July 31st. Activity will be on CW, SSB and RTTY. Operators mentioned are Maria/F6BAT, Lydie/F5MSS, Evelyne/F5RPB, Christine/F4GDI, Claudine/F5JER, Aline/F4GPA, Alexandra/F1UBA, Simone/F5JVH, Marie-Jeanne/F5MYL, Mado/ F1EOY and Sophie/F4DHQ. QSL Manager is Claudine, F5JER.

HB88YL - YLs from Switzerland, France and Germany will meet in Hedingen, Switzerland, between August 19-21st and be active as HB88YL. They plan to have 3 or 4 stations on the air, all bands, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Dora, HB9EPE, has organized the following operators (including herself): Mado/F1EOY, Christine/ F4GDI, Evelyne/F5RPB, Joana/DL5YL and Siggi/DK2YL. QSL via Dora, HB9EPE. See QRZ.com for more details.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Chris, N6WM, is now active as ZF2CT from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) until July 10th. Activity is limited and mainly on 20 meters on CW. QSL via his home callsign.

ZV2016, BRAZIL (Special Event). Members of the Liga de Amadores Brasileiros de Rádio Emissão (LABRE) will be active as ZV2016RIO from Rio de Janeiro between August 5-21st. Activity is to celebrate the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Operations will be on 160-2 meters (except 30m) using CW, SSB, FM, PSK, SYSTEM D-STAR (REF018 B) and DCS766 B. QSL via PY1AA.

2016 IARU CONTEST. The 2016 International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) HF World Championship is this upcoming weekend between July 9th at 1200 UTC and July 10th 1200 UTC. The object of the contest is to contact other amateurs around the world, especially IARU officials and member-society HQ stations in as many ITU zones as possible. Look for activity on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using CW and SSB. You will find detailed information at: http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship
http://www.iaru.org/contests.html

ADDED NOTE: A list of HQ multipliers has been posted on the Web at:
https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/2651703/HQ2016.txt

A PDF file is also available at:
https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/2651703/iaru2016hq.pdf

The following list is put together by Joe, OZ0J/5Q2T. Any corrections, please contact Joe (not OPDX) at: contest@oz0j.dk

As of Press Time there are 148 stations listed.

Callsign	HQ	Callsign	HQ	Callsign	HQ	Callsign	HQ
4K7Z	FRS	DL9KCE	R1	LU4AA/F	RCA	V8FEO	BDARA
4L0HQ	NARG	DX0HQ	PARA	LU4AA/H	RCA	VE3YV	R2
4O0S	MARP	E2HQ	RAST	LX8HQ	RL	VE5RAC	RAC
4O3A	R1	E7HQ	ARABH	LY0HQ	LRMD	VE6SH	AC

4V0HQ	RCH	EF4HQ	URE	LZ1US	R1	VK100ANZAC	WIA
4X4ARC	IARC	EI0HQ	IRTS	LZ7HQ	BFRA	VP2M	MARS
5C8A	ARRAM	EI3IO	R1	NU1AW/6	IARU	VP2V	BVIRL
5Z4RS	ARSK	EK0HQ	FRRA	OA4O	RCP	VP9HQ	RSB
7X2HQ	ARA	EL2BEN	LRAA	OE0HQ	OVSV	VR2HK	HARTS
8N1HQ	JARL	EM5HQ	UARL	OH2HQ	SRAL	VU2GMN	R3
8N4HQ	JARL	ER7HQ	ARM	OL6HQ	CRC	W1AW/9	ARRL
8N7HQ	JARL	ES9A	ERAU	OM8HQ	SARA	W6ROD	AC
8N8HQ	JARL	ES9HQ	ERAU	OP0HQ	UBA	XE1KK	R2
8Q7TM	AC	ET3AA	EARS	OY1CT	FRA	XE1LM	FMRE
9A0HQ	HRS	EW5HQ	BFRR	OZ1HQ	EDR	XR3HQ	RCCH
9K2RR	R1	G3BJ	AC	OZ7IS/M	R1	XV4Y	VARC
9K9HQ	KARS	GR2HQ	RSGB	P40HQ	AARC	XX9A	ARM
9M4DXX	MARTS	HB0HQ	AFVL	PA6HQ	VERON	YB0AZ	R3
9V9HQ	SARTS	HB9FPM	R1	PJ2HQ	VRONA	YE0HQ	ORARI
9Y4HQ	TTARS	HB9HQ	USKA	PT2ADM	R2	YL4HQ	LRAL
9Y4X	R2	HG0HQ	MRASZ	R9HQ	SRR	YR0HQ	FRR
A25HQ	BARS	HK3LR	LCRA	S50HQ	ZRS	YS0YS	CRAS
A71HQ	QARS	HL0HQ	KARL	SK9HQ	SSA	YS1MS	R2
AT1HQ	ARSI	HL1AQQ	R3	SN0HQ	PZK	YT0HQ	SRS
B1HQ	CRAC	HP0HQ	LPRA	SU1SK	ERASD	YV5AJ	RCV
B3HQ	CRAC	HQ2W	RCH	SX0HQ	RAAG	YV5AM	R2
B4HQ	CRAC	HQ50RCH	RCH	T40HQ	FRC	Z30HQ	RSM
B5HQ	CRAC	HU0YS	CRAS	T70HQ	ARRSM	Z32TO	R1
B7HQ	CRAC	II0HQ	ARI	TC3HQ	TRAC	Z60A	SHRAK
BV0HQ	CTARL	J77HQ	DARCI	TF3IRA	IRA	ZA1A	AARA
C4HQ	CARS	J87HQ	SVGRS	TG0AA	CRAG	ZF1A	CARS
C91HQ	LREM	JA1CJP	R3	TG9AGD	R2	ZL6A	NZART
CE3PG	R2	JE1MUI	R3	TI0HQ	RCCR	ZL6HQ	NZART
CE3AA	RCCH	JT1KAA	MRSF	TM0HQ	REF	ZP5AA	RCP
CR5HQ	REP	K0QB	R2	TU2CI	ARAI	ZS4BS	R1
CX1AA	RCU	LA2RR	AC	UN1HQ	KFRR	ZS9HQ	SARL
DA0HQ	DARC	LN2HQ	NRRL	V55HQ	NARL	ZW0HQ	LABRE

ADDED NOTES (by Joe, OZ0J). [edited] In the 2016 IARU HF Championship Contest, there will be some new callsigns:

J77HQ code DARCI (operators K5KG, WI9WI/J79WI & W4IX/J79IX)
J87HQ code SVGRS (operators KE1B & W6NN)
Z60A code SHRAK (operators OZ1IKY, OH2BH and a few more)

Regarding J87HQ the CORRECT code is SVGRAS, but some contest logging programs cannot accept codes more than 5 letters. Remember to log SVGRS in the exchange file.

Z60A is operating from Kosovo and will participate for the first time ever.

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